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June 1, 1987

Mr. Kenneth V. Rhea
Acting District Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Moab District
P.O. Box 970
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Dear Mr. Rhea:

Re: Conditional Approval, Coal Exploration Proposal (less than 250 tons), Trail Mountain Area, Trail Mountain Coal Company, CEP/015/009-87A, Emery County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of Trail Mountain Coal Company's coal exploration permit application for three (3) drill holes within the Trail Mountain Tract II Federal Lease Area #U-49332. This letter will serve as the Division's conditional approval of the exploration application. Please include the following conditions in your response letter to the applicant. As soon as we receive a copy of the information as outlined below, the Division will be prepared to issue its final concurrence for approval of the exploration proposal.

The following items need to be addressed by the applicant:

1. Figure 2 must reflect the new drill hole location as of 5/14/87. Additionally, Figure 2 must contain an accurate and complete map legend. Figure 3 should be revised to correct the typo identified as Federal coal lease # U-09332, to U-49332.
2. A current and site-specific cultural resource survey should be present in the application.
3. The name and address of the surface owner(s) should be included in the Identification of Interest section.
4. The drilling plan calls for a biodegradable air/foam drilling fluid. However, the operator may have to utilize drilling mud. If mud is required, the operator should provide a commitment to use a biodegradable mud.

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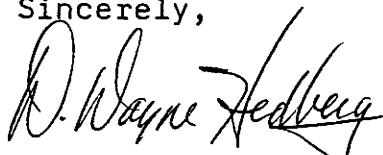
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Thank you for providing our agency with the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. Please contact me or John Whitehead should you have questions or need additional information concerning this conditional approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and last name "Hedberg" clearly distinguishable.

D. Wayne Hedberg
Data Management Coordinator

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